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FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

1. YOU MAY APPROACH MACHEL AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL B. WE
WOULD HOPE TO USE THE MEETING TO ASSURE OURSELVES THAT HE
UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITION ON DECOLONIZATION AND OUR MANNER
OF WELCOMING NEW COUNTRIES INTO THE FAMILY OF NATIONS. YOU
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MAY WISH TO OPEN CONVERSATION BY DRAWING ON PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS ON DECOLONIZATION - AND MOZAMBIQUE IN PARTICULAR - AT KAUNDA DINNER APRIL 19 (REFTEL D). YOU SHOULD THEN EXPLAIN THAT IT HAS BEEN OUR CUSTOM IN AFRICA TO PLAN FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF NEW NATIONS BY MAKING PREPARATIONS TO EXTEND RECOGNITION AND TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS ALGERIA WHERE, AS IN MOZAMBIQUE, WE HAD A CONSULATE GENERAL ACCREDITED TO THE FORMER COLONIAL GOVERNMENT, OUR PREPARATIONS INCLUDED MAKING READY TO UPGRADE THE POST TO EMBASSY STATUS.

2. YOU SHOULD TELL MACHEL THAT, WITH REGARD TO MOZAMBIQUE, FOLLOWING OUR CUSTOM WE WOULD PLAN, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, TO MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SEND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND RECOGNITION UPON INDEPENDENCE. YOU SHOULD TELL MACHEL THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAN ALONG THESE LINES IF THAT SEEMS APPROPRIATE.

3. YOU MAY ALSO ADVISE MACHEL THAT WE REMAIN READY TO SEND OUR ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM TO MOZAMBIQUE WHEN CONVENIENT. IF HE SHOULD SHOW INTEREST, YOU MAY REVIEW FOR HIM THE OTHER STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN HERE AND IN LOURENCO MARQUES TOWARDS ASSISTING AND PREPARING TO ASSIST MOZAMBIQUE.

4. WE WISH THIS APPROACH TO BE LOW-KEY. WHILE WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME A POSITIVE RESPONSE, WE DO NOT WISH TO PRESS MACHEL, BUT RATHER TO MAKE SURE HE UNDERSTANDS THE STATE OF PLAY AND TO FILL OUT THE RECORD OF OUR EFFORTS TOWARD MAKING PROGRESS ON RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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